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**Group Art Unit: 2163**

**Examiner:** Unassigned

**For: MULTIPLE PROJECT SCHEDULING  
SYSTEM**

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Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required.
- ☐ The fee of \$180.00 (126) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is also enclosed.
- ☐ A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is also enclosed.
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- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited are enclosed.

**U.S. Patent Documents**

<b>Patent No.</b>	<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Date of Publication</b>
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Morton, Thomes E. Pentico, David W., *Heuristic Scheduling Systems*, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, 1993, pages 52-55 and 62-63.

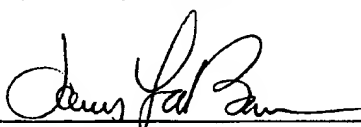
Pinedo, Michael, *Scheduling Theory, Algorithms, and Systems*, Prentice Hall, Inc., New York, 1995, pages 13 and 82-85.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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